

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

**In Re: AUTOMOTIVE PARTS
ANTITRUST LITIGATION**

12-md-02311
Honorable Marianne O. Battani

ALL PARTS

THIS RELATES TO: ALL CASES

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DECEMBER 23, 2013, ELECTRONIC CASE MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL ORDER

On August 29, 2012, the Court entered its Electronic Case Management Protocol Order, with an effective date of September 10, 2012, to simplify the electronic case filing (“ECF”) system in Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation. In March 2012, the Court amended the ECF procedures to delete the letters appearing in the case numbers of the first six parts and replace them with the numeral 2 and to assign numbers to newly added parts. Because numerous parts have been added as well as other types of lawsuits, the protocol is amended as follows:

1. The “Master Case,” 12-md-02311, includes all cases involving automotive parts antitrust actions that are transferred to the Court by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (“JPML”) or otherwise consolidated or coordinated with other matters before the Court under the Master Case, 12-md-02311.
2. The Master Case includes “Lead Cases” relating to specific parts. The Lead Cases are designated by a five digit number: the first three digits are associated with the particular part; the last two digits—00—reflect that the case is the lead case.

3. The Lead Cases include “Class Cases” for each particular putative class of plaintiffs and also include “Miscellaneous Cases” that do not fall within any putative class. The inclusion of Class Cases and Miscellaneous Cases in each specific part may only reflect a place holding function and will be populated if and when an individual case falling into the designation is filed.

4. The Class Cases include the following:

Direct Purchaser Action, designated with the last two digits–01;

Dealership Action, designated with the last two digits–02;

End-Payor Action, designated with the last two digits–03.

5. The Miscellaneous Cases include the following:

OEM plaintiffs, for example, Ford Motor Company, designated with the last two digits–04;

State Attorneys General plaintiffs, such as the State of Florida, designated with the last two digits–05.

6. Within each Class Case or Miscellaneous Case, there will be individual member cases referred to as “Individual Cases.” These are the originally filed individual complaints that will retain the originally assigned case numbers. Accordingly, the cases will be organized as follows:

MASTER DOCKET (“MASTER CASE”)		In Re: AUTOMOTIVE PARTS ANTITRUST LITIGATION 12-md-02311
LEAD CASE	WIRE HARNESS	2:12-cv-00100
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:12-cv-00101
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:12-cv-00102
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:12-cv-00103
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-00104
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-00105
LEAD CASE	INSTRUMENT PANEL CLUSTERS	2:12-cv-00200
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:12-cv-00201
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:12-cv-00202
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:12-cv-00203
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:12-cv-00204
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-00205
LEAD CASE	FUEL SENDERS	2:12-cv-00300
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:12-cv-00301
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:12-cv-00302
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:12-cv-00303
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-00304
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-00305

LEAD CASE	HEATER CONTROL PANELS	2:12-cv-00400
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:12-cv-00401
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:12-cv-00402
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:12-cv-00403
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-00404
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-00405
LEAD CASE	BEARINGS	2:12-cv-00500
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:12-cv-00501
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:12-cv-00502
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:12-cv-00503
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-00504
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-00505
LEAD CASE	OCCUPANT SAFETY SYSTEMS	2:12-cv-00600
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:12-cv-00601
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:12-cv-00602
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:12-cv-00603
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-00604
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-00605
LEAD CASE	ALTERNATORS	2:13-cv-00700
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-00701
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-00702
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-00703
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-00704
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-00705

LEAD CASE	ANTI-VIBRATIONAL RUBBER PARTS	2:13-cv-00800
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-00801
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-00802
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-00803
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-00804
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-00805
LEAD CASE	WINDSHIELD WIPERS	2:13-cv-00900
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-00901
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-00902
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-00903
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-00904
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-00905
LEAD CASE	RADIATORS	2:13-cv-01000
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-01001
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-01002
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-01003
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-01004
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-01005
LEAD CASE	STARTERS	2:13-cv-01100
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-01101
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-01102
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-01103
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-01104
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-01105

LEAD CASE	AUTOMOTIVE LAMPS	2:13-cv-01200
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-01201
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-01202
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-01203
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-01204
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-01205
LEAD CASE	SWITCHES	2:13-cv-01300
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-01301
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-01302
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-01303
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-01304
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-01305
LEAD CASE	IGNITION COILS	2:13-cv-01400
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-01401
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-01402
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-01403
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-01404
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-01405
LEAD CASE	MOTOR GENERATOR	2:13-cv-01500
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-01501
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-01502
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-01503
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-01504
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-01505

LEAD CASE	STEERING ANGLE SENSORS	2:13-cv-01600
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-01601
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-01602
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-01603
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-01604
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-01605
LEAD CASE	HID BALLASTS	2:13-cv-01700
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-01701
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-01702
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-01703
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-01704
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-01705
LEAD CASE	INVERTERS	2:13-cv-01800
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-01801
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-01802
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-01803
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-01804
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-01805
LEAD CASE	ELECTRONIC POWERED STEERING ASSEMBLIES	2:13-cv-01900
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-01901
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-01902
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-01903
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-01904
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-01905

LEAD CASE	AIR FLOW METERS	2:13-cv-02000
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-02001
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-02002
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-02003
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-02004
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-02005
LEAD CASE	FAN MOTORS	2:13-cv-02100
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-02101
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-02102
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-02103
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-02104
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-02105
LEAD CASE	FUEL INJECTION SYSTEMS	2:13-cv-02200
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-02201
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-02202
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-02203
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-02204
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-02205
LEAD CASE	POWER WINDOW MOTORS	2:13-cv-02300
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-02301
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-02302
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-02303
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-02304
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-02305

LEAD CASE	AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION FLUID WARMERS	2:13-cv-02400
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-02401
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-02402
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-02403
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-02404
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-02405
LEAD CASE	VALVE TIMING CONTROL DEVICES	2:13-cv-02500
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-02501
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-02502
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-02503
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-02504
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-02505
LEAD CASE	ELECTRONIC THROTTLE BODIES	2:13-cv-02600
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-02601
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-02602
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-02603
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-02604
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-02605
LEAD CASE	AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS	2:13-cv-02700
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-02701
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-02702
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-02703
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-02704

Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-02705
LEAD CASE	WINDSHIELD WASHER SYSTEMS	2:13-cv-02800
Class Case	Direct Purchaser Actions	2:13-cv-02801
Class Case	Dealership Actions	2:13-cv-02802
Class Case	End-Payor Actions	2:13-cv-02803
Miscellaneous Case	OEMs	2:13-cv-02804
Miscellaneous Case	States Attorneys General	2:13-cv-02805

7. Papers applicable to all antitrust actions involving all automotive parts transferred to this Court shall be filed only in 12-md-02311. The following caption shall be used:

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8. Papers applicable to all actions relating to a particular part shall be filed only in the appropriate Lead Case. The following caption shall be used:

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In Re: [NAME OF PART] CASES

2:1[x]-cv-0[xxxx]-MOB-MKM

**THIS RELATES TO: ALL
[Name of the Part] CASES**

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9. Papers only applicable to a specific action relating to a particular part shall be filed only in the appropriate Class Case or Miscellaneous Case within the appropriate Lead Case. The following caption shall be used:

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12-md-02311
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In Re: [NAME OF PART] CASES

**THIS RELATES TO:
[NAME OF PUTATIVE CLASS
CASE OR MISCELLANEOUS
CASE]**

2:1[x]-cv-0[xxxx]-MOB-MKM

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10. By way of example, papers applicable to all complaints relating to Wire Harnesses shall be filed only in 2:12-cv-00100, the Lead Case, and not separately in

the Master Case, 12-md-02311, or in any Class Case, Miscellaneous Case, or Individual Case. As a further example, all papers applicable to the Dealership Consolidated Amended Complaint relating to Wire Harnesses shall be filed only in the Class Case, 2:12-cv-00102, and not separately in the Master Case, or 12-md-02311, or the Lead Case, 2:12-cv-00100.

11. Any paper that is applicable only to an Individual Case or Miscellaneous Case must be filed separately in each applicable Individual Case **and** (b) the Class Case or Miscellaneous Case in which such Individual Case is assigned. The following caption shall be used:

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In Re: [NAME OF PART] CASES

THIS RELATES TO:

2:1[x]-cv-0[xxxx]-MOB-MKM

[Case number of the Class or
Miscellaneous Case]

[Name of Plaintiff(s)]

[List all applicable numbers]

v.

[Name of Defendant(s)]

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12. To the extent not already accomplished, attorneys shall file appearances in:

- a. The Master Case;
- b. All applicable Lead Cases in which they represent client(s); and
- c. All applicable Class Cases in which they represent client(s).
- d. All Miscellaneous Cases in which they represent client(s).

13. Attorneys representing client(s) in the Master Case may file appearances as an interested party in any Lead Case, Class Case, or Miscellaneous Case where they do not represent client(s).

14. New cases that counsel believe pertain to this Automotive Parts Antitrust Litigation should be identified at the time of filing as related to 12-md-02311 on the Civil Cover Sheet. Further, counsel shall indicate on the Civil Cover Sheet whether counsel believes that the new case should be assigned to an existing Lead Case and/or Class Case or Miscellaneous Case or involves a new automotive part requiring a new Lead Case, Class Case or Miscellaneous Case.

15. After the Court reassigns any new or existing cases within the structure of 12-md-02311, parties shall have twenty-one days to file an objection to the Court's designation.

16. This Order is without prejudice as to the rights of any party to challenge any revision of this protocol involving additional parts or designations.

17. The electronic protocol shall be effective immediately.

18. The electronic case management protocol order will not be amended if complaints involving new parts are filed. Additional parts will follow the numbering protocol in place.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Marianne O. Battani
MARIANNE O. BATTANI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DATED: December 23, 2013

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Copies of this Order were served upon All Counsel of record via the Court's ECF Filing System.

s/Bernadette M. Thebolt
CASE MANAGER